

HUNGRY MEXICANS SWARMING INTO TEXAS

El Paso Has a Big Task in Caring For the Families
Made Homeless By Bandits.

(Exclusive Service The Survey Press Bureau.)

Over the bridge at the border from Juarez to El Paso tens of thousands of Mexicans have crossed since the revolution began. Refugees before one band of marauders after another, homeless, poverty stricken, chronically hungry, alien in speech, manners, habits and ideas, they have proved a heavy burden for so young a community as El Paso to carry. For El Paso, "Gateway to Mexico," has found its wickets opening in since Diaz fell. And El Paso, like New York, gets more than its share of the weak among incoming aliens.

No one knows how many have come. Immigration inspectors keep tally on the international bridge from Juarez, but the boundary line is long and the Rio Grande shallow. Many families who have applied to the Associated Charities for help are not entered in the government books. It is estimated that the population of El Paso has doubled in five years.

Hundreds Come in a Day
"Two hundred men, women and children toiled and pushed their way across the bridge yesterday. Two hundred and fifty came over the day before and an inspector said, 'Look out of six hundred tomorrow.'"

One thing is sure—the condition of the newcomers grows steadily poorer. Of those who crossed the bridge, 1,100 were declared out of a total of \$4,488 in 1911, the first year of the war, and 4,378 out of \$5,248 in 1915. An inspector said to Mr. Gwin, "None have ever looked so hungry and forlorn as those who have come over the last few months. They seem to be getting worse all the time." A railroad official has found it necessary to "feed up" new arrivals at the construction camps before they were strong enough to work.

Over 10,000 of those who crossed the bridge in 1915 stayed in El Paso and for 1916 the number passed 17,000. Mr. Gwin writes:

"If El Paso served only as a distribution point and a port of entrance the difficulties of the situation would not be so tremendous. Far too many remain to glut the labor markets and keep down wages. Some method must be found for distributing them over other parts of the Southwest and into the interior. Railroad work takes some of them away during the summer and many go direct from the immigration station to railroad camps. This is practically the only effort made to distribute the men and their families away from El Paso."

Problem of Distribution
"The government should have a separate department to encourage and supervise the distribution of Mexicans. Such a department has been planned but sufficient funds have not been supplied. The problem of distribution is more difficult here than at most ports of entry, because so many of the Mexicans expect to return to their native soil as soon as peace is restored, and in the meantime they prefer to remain along the border."

There are about 35,000 Mexicans in El Paso most of whom are living in one section of the city nearest the border, generally called "Little Chihuahua." This congregation in that section has given this city its principal health problem. The chief difficulty is to prevent overcrowding, to seek out dark and unventilated rooms, and to keep up a constant search for contagious diseases. Despite the constant danger of the spread of typhus and other diseases from "Chihuahua" and especially from the newly arrived immigrants, this city has been able to keep such contagious diseases as have been found from spreading to any great extent.

The El Paso Board of Health has adopted a radical but homely effective method for letting sunshine and air into windowless rooms. The tenants are moved out and a few workmen with axes and spades speedily demolish the huts. It is not difficult for the landlord to put up new shacks which are made to conform to the health regulations of the city. One hundred such huts were torn down last week.

Homeless Refugees
"There is not nearly enough work for all the Mexicans here and the question of relief for them, especially for the seemingly endless number of widows and children, has become a big problem for El Paso city and county. Our work among them has helped us to understand them."

"They undoubtedly have an unusual and romantic background as a nation, but their personal histories have been blown away and obliterated by five years of demoralizing and destructive warfare. Often they do not know if any relatives or former friends are alive."

Many have wandered or been driven from town to town, often far from their homes, so that for most of them the "journey" to America has not meant an uprooting of family ties and lifelong associations.

"They should be able to quickly accustom themselves to new conditions here and in many ways I believe they have done so. They seem to be well satisfied with their opportunities and a large number have said they never expected to return to Mexico. But whether they will some day go back to rebuild their homes and their wasted fields no one can be certain."

"If revolution, strife, and the present idle life of the Mexican continues to be the order of the day in that country, more of the natives will find their way to the border and thus increase the problems of the border towns. Those who are coming from the interior say that the entire population there is in a semi-starved condition all of the time."

**ALL HIS DEBTS IN
GEORGIA, FILES HERE
BANKRUPTCY PETITION**

Schedules in bankruptcy were filed in the United States court yesterday by Judson Williamson, who claims residence in this city. Liabilities are listed as \$2,850.55 of which \$1,800 is secured by creditors in Atlanta, Ga., by notes. Unsecured claims, all of which are in Atlanta, Ga., amount to \$1,050.55. The schedules indicate that Williamson possesses no real or personal assets.

**NORMAL BOUQUETS
AND BERRIES
ONE PRICE A BOX**

HOME RULE SURE PLUNKETT SAYS, AT END OF WAR

Unfriendliness Toward Measure Caused Postponement, He Declares.

London, July 27.—"Home Rule for Ireland at the end of the war is perfectly secure," Sir Horace Plunkett declares, "and the large measure of agreement reached between Carson and Redmond will doubtless be utilized to improve the terms of the ultimate settlement."

There stands now among the British statesmen the Home Rule Act, which, after passing both houses of Parliament, received the royal assent Sept. 18, 1914, and which would have taken effect May 4, 1915, but for the war; a government bill being passed in September, 1914, to suspend the going into force of the Home Rule and other acts for a year or longer if the war continued. That act provides for an Irish Parliament, reduces the Irish representation in the Imperial Parliament from 103 members to 42, and prescribes the rights, powers and finances of the Irish administration.

Plunkett represented South Dublin in the House of Commons for eight years previous to 1900 as a Conservative, but he has since become a Liberal and has devoted himself to the agricultural, industrial and social development of Ireland, being a member of important government commissions.

Bitterness in Cup of Freedom.
"Talk about dashing the cup of freedom from the lips of Erin is sheer nonsense," Sir Horace continued. "But it is true that some of the contents of the cup were not to her taste and she very sensibly prefers to wait."

"The government was anxious to seize the opportunity for an agreement between Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond to put the Home Rule act into immediate effect, but before doing so it felt bound to ascertain the real sentiment of the Irish people, which proved more unfriendly toward the scheme than either the government or its Irish advisers had expected."

John Redmond had the greatest difficulty in securing the support of those of his followers whom he had time to consult, and it soon became clear that he could not carry with him the general assent of Nationalist Ireland.

"Sir Edward Carson also severely strained his authority in securing the limited approval of the Ulster Unionists."

"The Government was naturally unwilling to impose on the Irish people a settlement unacceptable to them and it was found that the scheme tentatively offered to the two Irish leaders would meet with strong opposition both in England and Ireland. Hence considerable delay took place, but in the result a great blunder has been avoided. Opinion in Ireland is obviously relieved by the withdrawal of the too hastily constructed scheme."

Irish Motion to Be Discussed.
Premier Asquith announced in the Commons this afternoon that he will give Monday next for discussion of this motion on Ireland, to be moved by John Dillon.

"In view of the announcement of the government that they do not intend to produce the long promised bill to settle the government of Ireland, it is vitally necessary and urgent that the government should immediately disclose their plans for the future government of Ireland during the continuance of the war."

An existing account indicative of the strong feeling which prevails among the Irish members, took place in the House of Commons tonight when Timothy Healy charged the government with arresting 2,000 innocent persons during the Irish rebellion and treating them with "a cruelty and ferocity which even Germany has not shown in Belgium." The Home Secretary, he added, by his administration, started the Sinn Féin organization in Ireland and therefore is father of the movement.

At this point the Speaker called Mr. Healy to order for irrelevance, but did not refuse the request of Home Secretary Samuel for permission to reply to Healy.

Mr. Samuel pronounced Mr. Healy's charges utterly unfounded and denied vigorously that prisoners have been ill-treated or placed in solitary confinement. The Home Secretary said he would leave the House to judge the value of Healy's allegations.

Admiral Winslow to Retire
Rear Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow, the commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, will be sixty-two tomorrow, when he will retire from active service in Uncle Sam's navy under the operation of the age limit. Admiral Winslow is one of the most distinguished of American sea warriors, and was slated for a brigadier generalship in Col. Roosevelt's volunteer army. Admiral Winslow's predecessor as commander of the Pacific fleet, Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, will retire next month. Three other rear admirals of the United States navy will retire later in the year. Rear Admiral Clifford J. Boush will reach the age limit in August; Rear Admiral DeWitt Coffman in November, and Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight in December. Admiral Winslow, at a Congressional hearing a few months ago, testified that the Pacific fleet, which he commands, might be an easy victim for a single good enemy battleship.

Ambassador Page has been informed, in reply to his request for an early answer to the American protest regarding delay of mails, that the British Foreign Office would reply to the note as soon as possible.

The United Dept. Stores,

Inc.
Corner MAIN & GOLDEN HILL STREETS

FIRST BLUE PENCIL SALE

SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THIS STOCK REDUCING SALE

Dress Skirts

At Reduced Prices

Silver Bloom Skirts, awning stripes and plain colors. Just 24 of these skirts left. Regular price \$3.50. Sale Price **\$2.49** EACH

Awning Stripe Skirts of Beach cloth. Only 21 skirts in this lot. Val. \$1.00. Sale Price **.75c** EACH

White Skirts of pique or gabardine, wide flare bottom. Value \$1.25. Sale Price **.89c** EACH



Real Leather Hand Bags with silk lining, small coin purse and mirror. Value \$1.25. Sale Price **.89c** EACH

Leatherette Hand Bags with mirror inside, nickel plated frames. Value 50c. Sale Price **.25c** EACH



WASH GOODS

All New Merchandise at Extraordinary Low Prices

40 INCH VOILES AND BATISTE in the very newest designs for Summer dresses. Value 25c. Sale Price **12 1/2c** YARD

BEACH CLOTH 36 inches wide, in a large variety of awning stripes for sport suits. Value 25c. Sale Price **19c** YARD

36 INCH PERCALE Fast colors, in neat stripes for house dresses. Value 12 1/2c. Sale Price **9c** YARD

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HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR FOR THE BLUE PENCIL SALE

Women's Silk Hose with high spliced heel, double sole and toe, in black and colors. Value 39c. Sale Price **.25c** PAIR

Children's Socks of fine mercerized yarn in white, with pink and blue stripes, sizes 7 to 9. Value 19c. Sale Price **.15c** PAIR

Women's Union Suits, regular and extra size, lace trimmed, knee length. Value 39c. Sale Price **.25c** EACH

Women's Lisle Vests, extra size, low neck, wing sleeves. Value 19c. Sale Price **.15c** EACH

MEN'S FURNISHINGS AT CUT PRICES

MEN'S SHIRTS—In this lot you will find sport shirts and working shirts made of pongee and chambray. Value up to \$1.00. Sale Price **.44c** Ea

Men's Union Suits of nainsook, athletic style, knee length. Value 50c. Sale Price **.25c** EACH

Men's Silk Lisle Hose with double heel and toe, white, black and colors. Value 39c. Sale Price **.25c** PAIR

Rubber Door Mats. Value 50c. Sale Price **.25c** EACH

Camp Stools with back. Value 39c. Sale Price **.19c** EACH

Unbreakable Dolls, cloth body. Value 50c. Sale Price **.25c** EACH

Rubber Stair Mats. Value 15c. Sale Price **.10c** EACH

Armour's Talcum Powder. Value 15c. Sale Price **.10c** EACH

Shirt Waists in stripes and figures. Value 50c. Sale Price **.25c** EACH



CLEAN UP ON SUITS

PALM BEACH SUITS

Made of genuine Palm Beach cloth, only six of these suits left. Val. \$9. Sale Price **\$3.98** YARD

SILK SPORT COATS Awning stripes, only seven of these coats left. Value \$4.00. Sale Price **\$2.50** EACH

SILK SWEATERS Just 5 of these left. Value up to \$9.00. Sale Price **\$4.50** EACH

Sheets, Pillow Cases, Towels, Bed Spreads, Blankets and Comforters for the Blue Pencil Sale

Huck Towels, extra large size, with red borders. Value 12 1/2c. Sale Price **10c** EACH

Linen Finish Toweling for dish or roller towels. Value 40c. Sale Price **8c** YARD

Pillow Cases, size 42x36, made of firm muslin with 3 inch hem. Val. 15c. Sale Price **12 1/2c** YARD

FRUIT OF THE LOOM BLEACHED COTTON 36 inches wide. Value 12 1/2c. Sale Price **8c yd**

BLEACHED SHEETS size 72x90, made with seam in the center. Value 65c. Sale Price **50c ea**

9-4 BLEACHED SHEETING Extra heavy quality for sheets. Value 35c. Sale Price **25c yd**

TABLE DAMASK 64 inches wide, heavy quality, assorted patterns. Value 50c. Sale Price **25c yd**

Crochet Bed Spreads, Mar-seilles patterns, full double bed size. Val. \$1.50. Sale Price **\$1.39** EACH

Silkolene Comforters filled with white cotton, large size. Value \$2.50. Sale Price **\$1.59** EACH

11-4 Blankets in white and grey, with pink and blue borders. Value \$1.50. Sale Price **\$1.19** EACH

NEWTOWN HAS BUSY PROBATE COURT SESSION

Investigate Title to One Private Estate That May Belong to Town.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, July 28.—At a session of the probate court held yesterday Judge Howard Woodman of Bethel, acting judge of probate, many matters of local interest came up for adjudication. Mrs. Mellicent Stowe, an indigent, was committed to the insane asylum at Middletown.

The final accounting in the settlement of the estate of Austin Blakeman was presented by the administrator, Mrs. Ada Blakeman, and allowed by the court. Current documents in the settlement of the estate of the late Philo Nichols, presented by Robert Curtis, administrator, were favorably passed by the court.

John Mitchell of Southbury recently sold a parcel of sprout land in Gray's Plain district to Mrs. Robert Wheeler, who then deeded the property to Esmeralda Gerard of Bridgeport. The latter then gave a warranty deed of the property to Lucia Mark Antonio of Bridgeport, who has taken possession. Another deed received for record in the town clerk's office was that of Etta Barr to Carlo Palatino, conveying title to four acres in Wapping district. The location and title of these properties are being looked into by the authorities with a view of ascertaining whether they are not some of the hundreds of acres in town lost to assessment since the

advent of the steam sawmill in the forests of Newtown a score of years ago.

There will be a special town meeting at 2 p. m. Saturday to take action upon the payment of \$2,000 to the state as the town's share of the state road improvements on Sugar street.

The committee of Sandy Hook district has called a special meeting to be held at the schoolhouse at 7:30 Saturday evening, July 29, to hear the report of the collector of taxes, and elect a new collector for uncollected taxes. At this meeting it is expected the committee will present the recommendation of improvements of the school buildings authorized by the acting school visitors of Newtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Birdseye Sniffen were recent visitors in Bridgeport.

Miss Mary Ryan, graduate nurse of Bridgeport, is spending her vacation at the home of her father, William Ryan, of Bethel.

Mrs. F. W. Barnett is visiting her son, Rev. F. B. Barnett, at Twin Lakes, this week.

Miss Helen Allen, Miss Genevieve Doherty, Addison Allen, Mrs. James W. Gordon, Mrs. James B. Nichols and Mrs. W. W. Kingsbury visited at Lake Kenosha, Danbury, this week.

A. J. Crowe of Corbett & Crowe has completed a vacation of two weeks spent at his home in Bethel and nearby shore resorts.

Today at E. H. Dillon & Co.'s, 1165 Main street, will be pre-inventory clearance sale in millinery, shirt waists, silk petticoats, chiffon and nainsook neck ruffs, ostrich neck ruffs, linen auto coats, corduroy sport coats, guaranteed raincoats, silk sweaters and separate skirts and millinery trimmings of every description at less than half former prices.—Adv.

Attorney General Brown set Thursday, Aug. 17, as the date for hearing the petition of G. N. Follen of Williamsport who asked that Mayor Jonas Fischer be removed from office.

STIFLING HEAT IN WEST TAKES MANY VICTIMS

Chicago, July 27.—Illinois and northern states found no relief today from the unusual heat wave, and there was a probability that the record of 100 degrees yesterday might even be broken. There was little cheer in the announcement of the weather forecast that "fair and cooler" would be the rule in this section of the country. In Chicago the downtown street thermometers at 2 o'clock this morning stood at 89 degrees, higher by several degrees than the maximum of the night before. Later in the morning a slight breeze arose and appeared to temper the heat somewhat for a brief period.

Deaths, directly due to the heat, numbered 17 for the 24 hours ending at 6 o'clock this morning, according to reports received at the central police station. More than two score prostrations were reported.

**TEUTONS PREPARING
A SWISS BLACKLIST**

Lausanne, Switz, via Paris, July 28.—A strong protest against a blockade against Swiss firms by Germany and Austria is made by the Lausanne Gazette. The Gazette says that a blacklist is now being drawn up by Capt. Schütz at Berne under the direction of the commercial attaches of the German and Austrian legations.

According to the paper all Swiss firms known or suspected of doing business with the allies are not only deprived of coal and other German products, but are boycotted by other Swiss firms.

Yachting On Maine Coast

(E. P. Morris in Yale Review)

The traveler along the Maine coast by boat will be both sailor and housekeeper, pursued by the cares and stimulated by the ambitions of the housekeeper, and he will begin early to make acquaintance with the locality and the capability of shops. In some respects nothing could be more satisfactory than the country store of Maine. If you need a hat, a pair of shoes, a pair of eight-foot oars, there is no town or hamlet or wilderness where you cannot find them; the necessities of life are there. And not merely the necessities of rope and hardware, in Kittery, if you go to the right place, the boy will pull out a drawer that holds about two bushels, and count out your dozen of hot doughnuts—your dozen, do I say? your six dozen, your gross, for aught I know. And on the New England coast the pie will naturally not be lacking. Of this article of diet, it is difficult to speak without a sense of constraint, so unfortunate are the associations that have been gathered about it; it is enough to say that in Maine the blueberry pie attains a size and ripeness unknown to other climes. There is a village on the coast, to be named only to the initiate, where blueberry pies may be had of such a quality that the skipper of a visiting yacht, after eating his fair quarter, started at once for the shore to secure the maker in perpetuity and returned in sadness when he recalled the obstacle of a husband on one side and a wife on the other. But these are the necessities; for such luxuries as fresh bread or a bit of steak one must be prepared to starve; he must not expect to find them ready at the end of a telephone wire. The search will sometimes be easy; in Tennant's harbor turn once to the left and once to the right and you can get excellent milk, at the shoemaker's. Or it may be somewhat more complicated to

get fresh bread at Little River, enter the harbor early Tuesday afternoon, stop and converse with the keeper of the store on the wharf, leave an order at the ice cream parlor and go the next morning, Wednesday, before 7 to the second white house up the road to receive your bread from the hands of the maker; and very good bread it will be. Out of a succession of such experiences will be gradually accumulated a knowledge of foraging so varied and extended that it transcends the limits of the practical and attains to some of the qualities of a philosophy of life. It seems probable that in the end a sixth sense is acquired, by virtue of which in a strange village one takes automatically the right turn, letting the reins of his will lie loose upon the neck of his instinct, and stops unerringly before the only house in town where fresh eggs may be bought.

ALSO IMPORTANT.

"My dear, what shall I buy you for your birthday?"
"Consult our Jeweler. He knows pretty well what my tastes are."
"And did you tell him anything about the state of my finances?"

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

Mary L. Van Ness, who died on July 14 last, left the bulk of her estate to a niece. She gave to Joseph Shelton, her butler, \$10,000. The will disposes of an estate of \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Gertrude Steadman and her infant daughter, Helen, were drowned and three other persons narrowly escaped, when their automobile backed off the dock into the Detroit river.

The Boston & Maine Railroad was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to continue operation of its steamers on Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H., and Lake Hopkinton, Me., Vt.